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Haleigh knows nothing of love. Raised to be no more than the ballerina her mother could never be, she eats, sleeps, and breathes dance. Then, when she is blindsided by the news that her parents have arranged for her to be married, she does as she has always done—exactly as she is told. However, despite the fact that the man she is to call her husband is a complete stranger, Haleigh cannot help but hope that maybe, just maybe, she will finally get the chance to know love.

Maxim is not a good man. His strength is foreboding and his handsome features are merely a distraction for the dangerous person that lies beneath. When he collects a debt by way of a beautiful, ballerina bride, he relishes in the fact that he owns something so pure, so innocent—so undeniably his. Yet, Haleigh is better than he ever expected, and it is not long before his ownership begins to turn into something much, much more.

But when the darkness of Maxim's past comes back to haunt him, the illusion of love's safety is shattered. Maxim's demons seek to destroy everything he holds dear. Suddenly, being owned by the badman is worse than Haleigh imagined. In order to protect her, Maxim has to decide just how bad he can be, and if letting go is the best choice.

** Recommended for readers 18+ due to graphic sexual content, violence, language and sexual abuse - possible triggers.

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Rachel says

First off, the title is misleading. The badman isn't really all that bad - usually. I felt like a lot of times everyone was schizophrenic. He would be unfeeling and love bloodshed one second and then be crying the next. Bratva men do not cry near as often as Maxim did. I mean it was like 5+times and usually in front of people... So that made no sense. Haleigh is also very annoying, especially at the beginning because she is the biggest push over you can imagine. I mean like it's really bad. There really were just too many cons to list. The mother was evil for no reason (I mean there should be some reason why). The writing had a ton of accumulation too. It was really just a list of "I did this, then this, then that, then.." It gets very annoying after a while. I will not be reading the next book.

If you are looking for a super dominate bad boy gangster and wussy push over submissive heroine there are still better books out there.

Espresso-Girls Just Wanna Have Books ; A Mafia Romance says

Barring the cheating, the storyline is great! The action is nonstop. The characters are well developed. The scenes are realistic and flow well.

Although it's not a light read, it's not an emotional one. It's fine because it works for this story.

Four stars!

Jensie Elizabeth says

Haiilll to the no. Nope. One of the worst books I've ever read, ever. Rat bastard Maxim RUINED this potentially good story for me. Never, in my entire reading existence, have I encountered a more selfish, undeserving, pantie-waste of a human being who claims to be the hero of the book. I can't put into words how much I was disgusted with him, but I'm sure as shit gonna try. So here goes. *Some spoilers may be ahead.*

Let me start by saying I liked how Maxim didn't immediately become pussy whipped with Haleigh. He kept up his bad boy image for longer than is usual, and I liked that. That being said, I DID NOT like how he went and slept with the whore Catia because he was afraid his goddamn *WIFE* couldn't handle what he had to offer. My god, dude. Pull your head out of your ass! ARGH. Like, are you for real?

So after I got over the initial disgust of him sleeping around on his *WIFE*, I thought, "Ok, maybe he redeems himself. Everyone makes mistakes, right? I'll give him a second chance." Boy, was I wrong. I should have cut and run when I could. The hits just kept on coming. Maxim, tell me this: your PREGNANT wife gets taken because you're an idiot, but you no doubt have knowledge of what's going to happen to her while being in captivity. I'm talking about rape here, buddy, but in case you don't know what that is, look it up. Because that's exactly what your PREGNANT wife went through. Rape. And when you get her back, through absolutely no effort on your part, you have the BALLS to call her a whore? For being raped. How does that make sense? To anyone? YOU'RE THE WHORE FOR KNOWINGLY AND WITTINGLY CHEATING

ON YOUR WIFE. For God's sake. My disgust levels know no bounds with you. Why, Miss Faiman, did you have to write such a man-whore/baby for a hero?

Ok, so after the disastrous rape and reconciliation of husband and wife, I thought, again, "Maybe, just maybe they can work it out. I'll consider this Second Chance 2.5." I shouldn't have had faith. Like the coward he is, Maxim runs off to Russia to "deal" with his PREGNANT wife's captors, though at this point I have zero faith in his abilities, so I don't hold my breath. Anyway, we see Maxim in Russia, surprise surprise, getting his dick sucked by some Russian whore in some Russian whore house. I can honestly say at this point, I wasn't surprised - just disgusted. This goes on for a while - so long in fact he misses the birth of his child. Nothing surprising here, right?

It keeps going. Maxim suddenly remembers he has a sister, so he searches her out in Russia between his whoring, and eventually finds her, brings her home to America, dumps her off with Haleigh and Dmitri, then scurries off back to Russia. Did I mention his son is born and at said house? *Sigh*. I just can't. After he leaves again (COWARD), and Haleigh... don't even get me started on her. MAXIM HIT YOU, AND YET YOU STILL KEEP HOPING HE COMES BACK. Why? Your desperation baffles. Anyway, after Haleigh decides to grow the balls in the relationship, I called it quits. I was done. No more. My loathing for Maxim at this point was through the roof, and I was afraid I would pop a vein in my eye or something.

Needless to say, I wouldn't wish this book on my worst enemy. I'd rather step on a lego than read this again. I hope Maxim gets eaten alive by ants. I hope Haleigh opens her eyes and accepts Dmitri. That's what I'm going to believe, because it's the only acceptable scenario to me. There were actually way more issues I had with this book, like Maxim killing Haleigh's parents? Is nobody going to talk about that? I know, they're heinous people, but did you have to kill them in the house where your wife sleeps? Have some respect, asshole.

SAVE YOUR SANITY AND DON'T READ THIS DISASTER OF A BOOK.

Kira says

Haleigh was a doormat. She simply accepted everything no matter how horrible. Her passiveness irritated the hell out of me because it didn't only affect her actions but her thoughts. It was as if abuse from her parents warped her brain turning her into a meek, pathetic creature. OTOH it appeared that her parents had virtually nothing to do with her since they had her spend every waking moment on ballet from the time she was young.

Maxim was an awful hero. At first he was a powerful mafia man. He did many things I didn't like in regards to his treatment of Haleigh, but about half way through he became weak and pathetic when the going got tough. I really began to hate him. After all of the horrible shit he did, Haleigh still loved him, and for the life of me I can't understand it. As if the things he did to Haleigh weren't bad enough, but when I learned about his sister, I was disgusted. (view spoiler)

The writing was choppy and weird. The first half was way more balanced than the second. Some scenes were written in a way that I wasn't sure what was going on and I'd have to go back and reread it. Around the halfway mark everything got really chaotic. Huge developments would randomly be thrown into the story with no build up whatsoever. Other things were major letdowns such as the way Haleigh's rapist was dealt with. (view spoiler) The big reveal at the end was bizarre, chaotic and unemotional. For all of the serious issues these characters were dealing with, I never felt their pain. All of this equaled one big mess. I have no interest in reading about any of the side characters. I'm done with this series.

Maria11 says

Definitely no hearts and flowers. This is a true mafia book it does not make any part of the mafia life look good or romantic. So if you are looking for that this isn't your thing.

There is lots of violence and sex. Max is very hard to like he treats Haleigh like crap about 85% of the book. Haleigh makes you want to bang your head on your reading device and scream WHY!!?? Well Max makes you do that too.

So if you are up for all that and tons of real Russian mob drama this is for you. Me not so much.

Hayley Faiman says

Michelle Austin says

Loved it!

Title: Owned by the Badman

Author: Hayley Faiman

Series: Russian Bratva #1

Owned by the Badman was a great 5 star read.

First of all, Wow. What a way to start a series. Owned has it all and more.

Haleigh has been controlled all her life by her parents. Diet, clothes, pureness, school, and dancing. Then she is told that she is to be married, to a man that Haleigh knows nothing about.

She had no friends, male or female. Haleigh was alone. She felt like a prized animal, only for show, never to live her own life.

Maxim is part of the Russian Bratva and Haleigh has caught his eye. He is a very dark and sinister man who gets what he wants and Haleigh is it.

I can't wait to strip her down, see how she looks when she isn't poised to perfection.

Would she leave me if she knew how obsessed I was with her?

There is so much to Haleigh and Maxim's story. We see a very dark and dangerous man struggle with

feelings he has never had before. Haleigh is used to being controlled and doesn't know what to expect from her new husband. These two are learning so much from each other in so many ways. Maxim was so great with Haleigh on their wedding night, I was afraid his darkness would take over. Just when things are going great Maxim's past shows up.

Owned is a dark romance and Hayley really brings on the dark. I was in tears a few times, my heart broke for Haleigh. Her parents are awful people and the way she was treated growing up was heartbreaking. Maxim also has a heartbreaking history. All of the secondary characters added a great element to the story. There is no cliffhanger but the epilogue leads you into book #2. I can't say enough about how much I enjoyed this book. Hayley Faiman pulls you right in with her writing. She is no holds barred and gives it to you like a boss. I highly recommend you 1-click and get started today on "Owned by the Badman". Thank you Hayley for another great read, can't wait for book #2. *Seducing the Badman*

"ARC provided for honest review"

Jenn says

3.5 Stars

Mafia Check List:

1. Scary men ✓
2. Kidnapping ✓
3. Horrible trauma for heroine ✓
4. Hero needs a kick to the head ✓
5. Steam ✓
6. Some violence ✓
7. Control ✓

A young ballerina, who is used to being controlled her whole life, is now being traded to a new person who wants to own her— but in a much different way. It's a life-for-a-life kind of debt, one which she got the better end of the deal than the ones who traded her.

A Russian mafia man, whom has wanted her for so long, but needed a way to be in her presence—one where she will actually know he's around. The perfect deal falls into his lap. Who is he to resist this temptation of owning his perfect woman?

Life is messy. There are secrets. Certain things are hidden from the past. There will be revenge. There will be pain, sadness, trauma, regret, and finally a way to forgiveness and redemption.

Will it all be worth it in the end, for these two to get to their HEA? Take a ride through the ups and downs of two lonely people who only desire happiness and love—with each other. *If they can help it.*

Favorite things in regards to art:

1. Cover
2. The script on the cover
3. Pictures next to the H/h's names

Rachaelthebiliophile says

Cheater!!

Shari Kay says

And...another--NO

<https://www.goodreads.com/review/show...>

C says

First off I'm one of those people that has "triggers". And this book really disappointed me. I thought the writing was easy to read and the plot was great, the characters where interesting I would have rated it 4/5... But...

HE CHEATED!!! Not cool, I can't get over that shit.

Jos says

1 Star..... Started off good and then took a serious plunge soon after, what a disaster:(Spoilers Ahead

For all of my Safety Gang People, OMG, this isn't close to being safe. It was actually repulsive and although I have my hard limits, I also can be flexible to a point but this.....this.....was just a big fat NO for me personally! ! OMG...this was bad and if this is the type of "romance" this author writes, for me, unfortunately I won't be reading her books. Since this is my first read by her, I will give a second chance but this was just.....wow, I am speechless!

MischaS_ says

[You get the girl sold off to a stranger. She sleeps with him right away. You get cheating. She gets kidnapped. She gets pseudo-raped. (Sorry, for calling it that but the auth

niiighttdreamer says

Could've been better.

As much as I want to like this book, I can't.

It had a lot of information about the bratva and that's what I really liked! This book reeled me in when I read that there was an "arranged" marriage. However, most of the reviews are misleading.

Spoilers ahead*

Haleigh (Our main character) had no backbone whatsoever! I could read about bullying to a certain extent but this book was just pushing it! She was treated like crap until the very end! Here & there she would speak out, but she is such a weak heroine. So if you like to read about a strong heroine or heck, even a heroine who SPOKE, then this book is not for you!

Our "hero" Max is something else. In the beginning, he came off super sexy. He answered to no one but his Pakhan. He took what he wanted, etc. basically the ultimate alpha male. Then as the book progressed, he became this weak character. Someone you wouldn't find affiliated with the Bratva. He cried a handful of times. He constantly cheated on Haleigh. I was so over their relationship. It was the same argument over and over. It also felt weird reading his view. I understand that he's Russian and he has an accent but He would speak perfect English and then in the next paragraph he would speak like a toddler. "I go work now. You sleep." "I kill who touch you." "Why you sad." I had such a huge headache just reading from his point. It really felt like I was on a never ending roller coaster with them.

The beginning of the book really dragged. But towards the middle, crazy events were happening and new characters were popping up. It was hard to keep up with their names and what was going on. I was so confused as to who was who and what was the point in their character.

Again, I really wished I liked this book. And I wished I could've given it a better review.

Mackenzie says

I really wanted to give a better rating but just found that I couldn't. The first 45% is quite good IMO (which is the only reason it gets 2 instead of 1 stars) aside from the very glaring grammatical errors (please please please authors get a professional editor-no one should have "you're" when you mean "your", "found" instead of "fond", "cliMax" instead of "climax" (umm unless that was intentional the 2 times that I saw it like that).

However the rest of the book is soooooo far beyond the first part that it's just head-spinning and the two parts really seem like either completely different authors or completely different books-this did not add to the enjoyment of the book either at least to me. I like some good dark romance but the line gets crossed when the heroine is actually violated by another person if she is kidnapped.

Call me old fashioned but I like the story to revolve around the hero and the heroine together not with the heroine being raped/dubious consent with other men and I can read plenty of dark romance without getting too put-off. I can handle a threesome..when all parties want it..it's not my preference but I can still read it. I just about returned the book to Amazon (it was through Kindle Unlimited) when she is raped by her husband's so-called friend multiple times after being kidnapped especially when the author puts in that she enjoyed parts of it..for reals you don't need to put that in the book to make the character become more sexually comfortable/aware..she can be that way with her husband and this book is not one where it seems the premise is to convey that yes people who get raped can enjoy parts of it and then feel very guilty because of that- I expect that from a coming of age/accepting oneself/based on true experience type of book not dark romance/erotica. I also didn't like how the hero was unfaithful to the heroine after she had been raped.

I finished it because I just have a very hard time,like near impossible time, putting down a book without finishing it but it was almost like I was reading to finish it not because I enjoyed it-I had stopped enjoying it after she was violated when she was kidnapped.
